

**ABSTRACT**

a/ A process for producing laminate coatings including the steps of taking a wet patterned or decorative paper impregnated with a melamine resin, spreading particulate fine aluminum oxide (corundum) onto the still wet paper before drying to pre-treat the paper, pre-drying or pre-condensing the paper, applying a covering layer of fibre material containing melamine resin onto the pre-treated paper, and finally drying the whole.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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a2 1. (Amended) A process for producing laminate coatings comprising the steps of:
- Taking a wet patterned or decorative paper impregnated with a melamine resin;
 - spreading particulate fine aluminum oxide (corundum) onto the still wet paper before drying to pre-treat said paper;
 - pre-drying or pre-condensing said paper;
 - applying a covering layer of fibre material containing melamine resin onto said pre-treated paper; and
 - finally drying the whole, with the covering layer being transparent for viewing of the patterned or decorative paper.
2. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein said fibre material is formed as a fibre fleece containing melamine resin.

Please add new claims 7 and 8 as follows:

- a3 7. (New) Process according to Claim 1, wherein said fibre material includes cellular fibres. p4225